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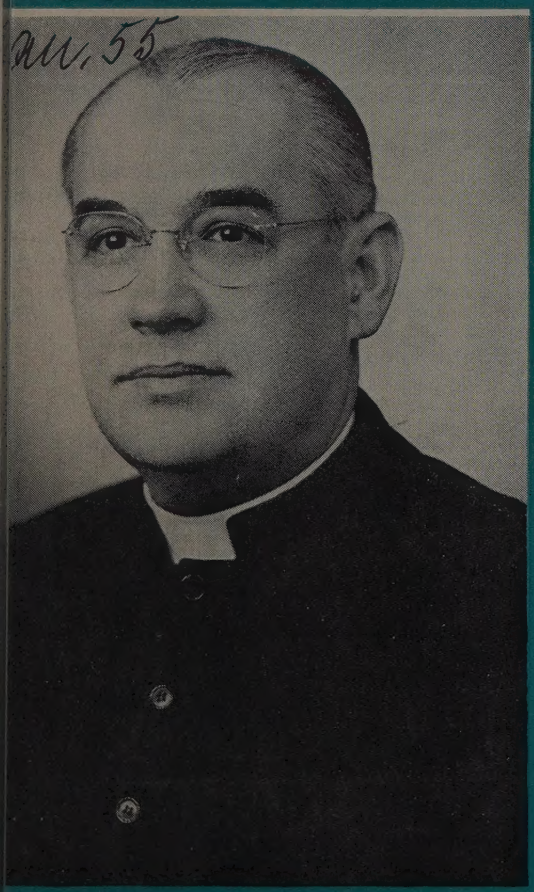

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Wonders in Malaya

by

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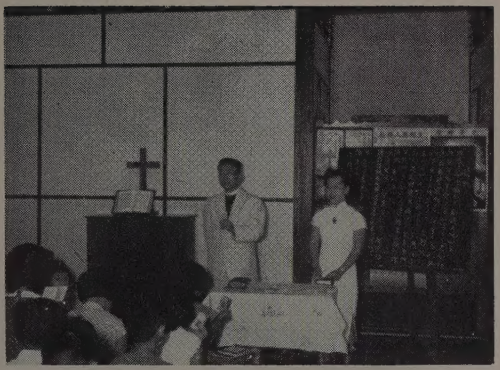

Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Chu conducting service in their home—Mrs. Chu interpreting.

What's new in Malaya? The answer is: our United Lutheran Church with seven American missionaries at work on the field, three more evangelistic missionaries from Germany, two Chinese doctors, and five Chinese workers with their families, one of them being a pastor and the others trained evangelists. All that, in these first two years after the United Lutheran Church in convention at Seattle (1952) approved our undertaking missionary work in Malaya.

But how it all happened, and where it all came from, and how it works—that is the newest wonder story of missionary adventure. We can only open the book and catch a glimpse of the rapidly developing facts, interesting in themselves, and we can catch some of the inspiration which comes to those who respond to the command: "Go into all the world."

CYCOM Started It

It was in the spring of 1952 that this challenge of missionary work in Malaya came to the Lutheran Church. In the last days of March in that year a group of Lutheran leaders assembled in a Methodist church in Penang, far up the west coast of Malaya. Why did that group assemble? Who started it?

It was begun by the Lutheran World Federation, which long ago inaugurated what it calls a Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions. If you take the initial letters of those words, you will find they spell the word CYCOM. So, now, if you see the word CYCOM and somebody with you wonders what that word means, you are the proud member of the Lutheran Brotherhood who can tell the answer. It means the Commission of Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions—CYCOM.

Well, the executive director of CYCOM traveled around the world

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the younger churches and missions. Younger churches are those which have sprung up as a result of missionary endeavor in various lands. The director became familiar with Lutheran mission and church work in many parts of the globe. That means Lutheran mission work supported by Lutheran churches not only in America but also by Lutheran churches in Europe.

The director of CYCOM saw things happening in southeast Asia. He saw that missionaries were driven out of China by the Communist advance. He saw millions of Chinese people in various parts of southeast Asia, including three millions of them in Malaya. He saw Lutheran missionaries unable to serve in China but willing to serve somewhere else, in Malaya, for instance. So the director of CYCOM decided that Lutheran leaders should get together and discuss their problems, look at their responsibilities, and examine the possibilities of expanding Lutheran work among Chinese in that area —southeast Asia. Thus it was that he asked a Lutheran bishop in India to assemble a Lutheran conference in a Methodist church in Malaya. Yes, the Methodists and the Presbyterians, and the Anglicans were long ago at work in Malaya. They welcomed the Lutherans, saying, "There is so much to be done, and you can fill a great need."

Who Came To The First Conference?

Who came to that meeting in Penang in the spring of 1952? Representatives of the Batak Church in Indonesia came. Their forefathers were cannibals, but Lutheran Missionary Nommenson started work among them in 1869. Today there are a large Lutheran Church of 500,000 and they have joined the Lutheran World Federation. The president of the China Lutheran Church, exiled from China and living in Hongkong, was present. Dr. Peng Fu is his name. He visited America some years ago. In Malaya the Tamil Lutheran Church with headquarters in South India has two centers, one in Penang and the other in Kuala Lumpur. Both centers were represented. Several American leaders were there, and others from India were present. In all, there were 22 representatives of Lutheran Churches.

After four days of study, discussion, meditation and prayer, these 22 leaders came forth with a mighty proposition and with a gripping challenge to the Lutheran churches of the world. Their proposition was that Lutheran work must be started in Malaya. Their challenge was: What Lutheran church in this modern world will give an answer to the heavenly vision which these men in Penang were able to see?

Churches in Europe were suffering from the effects of the war. Lutheran churches in America regarded the challenge but felt unable to respond. The challenge was faced also by our Board of Foreign Missions. Representatives of all the

Our present staff in Malaya: Mr. and Mrs. George Frock, Miss Erickson, Miss Clara Sullivan, Rev. Douglas Erickson, Dr. Anspach, Board Secretary

Lutheran missions in Hongkong igned an appeal urging the United Lutheran Church in America to con-ider seriously this field of work in Malaya. They pointed out that eight Lutheran missions had already taken ip work among Chinese in Formosa, while in Malaya there was no Lutheran mission work at all among he Chinese population. They earn-stly besought our Board of Foreign Missions to undertake this work.

The New Work Was Accepted

In June, 1952, just three months ifter that meeting of leaders in Pe-nang, the Board of Foreign Missions of the ULCA voted to request the United Lutheran Church convention in October, 1952, to approve undertaking new work in Malaya. This was approved by the convention in October, and in November, the Board, at its regular meeting, arranged to send a former China missionary, the Rev. Dr. P. P. Anspach, to Malaya as a special agent to look over the situation, to meet Lutheran Christians, to interview government officials, to visit other Christian churches, and to make a general survey. Dr. Anspach took leave of absence from his church in

Springfield, Ohio, and he was absent from mid-December until mid-February. Think of that fine Christian congregation in Springfield, that was ready to give up their pastor for this mission during such an important part of the church year. Think of the fine Christian family which would give up husband and father over the Christmas period for this important work of our Lord.

Dr. Anspach came back with a very interesting report. It was not a glowing report. It would be hard work, he said. It would cost money, he told us. But the work was there. Some of the "new villages" would be assigned to us. The "new villages" are communities built by the state and protected by the armed forces from Communist guerillas whom the government is gradually stamping out. Besides the Chinese people in these "new villages," there are in Malaya many Indian people, Christians and non-Christians, and also Batak people and Lutherans, all of whom would be gathered into one Lutheran church of Malaya. Here was a real challenge and the Board accepted it. That was in February, 1953.

Rapid Development Of Our Work

By September, 1953, less than one year after the approval given by the ULCA, we sent our first group of three people into the field: Dr. Anspach and Pastor and Mrs. Douglas Erickson. In November, three more arrived: Mr. and Mrs. George Froc and Miss Clara Sullivan. About month later our Chinese pastor, th Rev. James Chu and his family ente ed the work. In following month four other Chinese evangelists wit their families came on the fiel Through the Lutheran World Feder tion, with its world-wide outreac three German missionaries, forme ly serving in China, were secure Further negotiation brought tw young Chinese physicians who wer interning in Europe. A missionar nurse, Miss Miriam Plitt, R. N., wh was sent a year earlier to Liberia t get experience in a tropical climat is now at work in Malaya.

The work has developed rapidl Today, January, 1955, after th first two years of occupation, ou workers in six towns and village are gathering crowds of people int their homes for evangelistic ser ices. New buildings to be used a church activity centers are planne and some are under constructio This will relieve the crowded co ditions in the workers' residence which are not large enough to ac commodate the expanding audience The government is closely co-opera tive and has requested our churc to undertake more clinic work an some elementary school work, pron ising generous assistance wit capital expenditures as well a liberal subsidies to carry on th work.

Malaya is our seventh missio field. India was begun in 1842

Liberia in 1860, British Guiana in 1889, Japan in 1892, China in 1898, and Argentina in 1908. No one living has seen all these new ventures get started and growing. Most of us have not seen any of them in their beginnings. Now here is an opportunity for us today to watch closely the growth and development of a new work of God in a distant land.

Lutheran men, watch our growing work in Malaya.

BOY SCOUTS

by George A. Eichler

SCOUTMASTER'S SELF-RATING SCALE

Check Each Statement

	Yes	No
1. I try hard to teach my boys the true meaning of the Scout oath and law.		
2. I endeavor to interest my boys in the Pro Deo et Patria Award.		
3. I attend church services regularly.		
4. I frequently give my assistants charge of the meeting.		
5. I have attended at least one training course within the past year.		
6. I have added at least one book to my scouting library during the last year.		
7. I keep a scouting record of each boy and check it frequently.		
8. I attend most district and council meetings.		
9. I see to it that all patrols have meetings at least once a month.		
10. I read Scouting Magazine regularly.		
11. I make sure that no boys drop the troop unless for good reasons.		
12. I see that the scouts receive their badges promptly when earned.		

The Rev. Edward G. Schmickel, II,

Assistant To The Editor Of "Lutheran Men"

The Rev. Edward G. Schmickel, II, pastor of St. Joseph's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., was selected as assistant to the editor of *Lutheran Men* at the ULCA Brotherhood Administrative Committee meeting in the ULCA Headquarters, New York, on Dec. 11. This action was taken in accordance with the prior action of the ULCA Brotherhood convention in Alanta last year, when the adopted budget provided for an assistant to the editor. The selection of Pastor Schmickel will be subject to the final approval of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, in July.

Pastor Schmickel will be the first assistant to the editor to serve on the staff of *Lutheran Men*. He will work through Brotherhood Headquarters in Bethlehem, Pa. and his chief responsibility will be the development of more adequate news coverage for the Brotherhood on all levels. (Note to all correspondents: All news items should hereafter be sent either to Brotherhood Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pa., or directly to the new assistant to the editor at 273 E. Walnut St., Allentown, Pa.)

Pastor Schmickel has been dean of the Lutheran Leadership Training School of Allentown and Vicinity since 1942, and has served on the Publicity Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for a number of years.

Born in Millville, N. J., where he was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pastor Schmickel was ordained to the ministry in that church on Dec. 6, 1933, and immediately took over his present pastorate. He is a graduate of Allentown Preparatory School, 1926; Muhlenberg College, 1930, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1933.

He is married to the former Frances Morgan, of Allentown, who is teacher of piano and serves as the present organist and director of music in his church.

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The Christian Revolution

The Christian revolution . . . begins in the inner life, where no man can change himself, and is effected by the power of the Holy Ghost. It makes of the self-seeker one who serves others in sincerity of heart. It makes of the unjust, a just man; of one who seeks happiness, a man who aims at truth and justice; of one who seeks power, a man who serves the highest power. That is the essential revolution. But this renewal remains hidden, a mystery. And yet: the change does not only happen in secret. The early Christian ecclesia stood forth openly as a new phenomenon and aroused the attention of the heathen. "See how they love one another"—even the heathen had to bear witness to the fact. The ecclesia is in itself an essentially new factor in world history—a visible adumbration of the Kingdom of God.

—Emil Brunner
Eternal Hope (Westminster)

Education for Living

by EARL S. RUDISILL

Developing Through Fellowship

A club meeting, a "cracker-barrel onference," or a "bull session," may e fun. It usually is. But is that all? can be much more, and frequently is. Wherever a group of people ome together and exchange ideas, ooks, or possessions there is a so- al situation—a set of factors out which may come some fine per- onal effects. We learn and change ecause of our contacts with other eople.

The Social Instinct

Normal individuals like company. hey don't like to be alone all the me. Of course, one can have too uch association with people — ough to get one "fed up" with so any people and make one eager to alone for the time being. But, ter a while, the desire for com- any returns. Essentially, as Aristotle id, "man is a social being."

We have many urges or instincts, ch as collecting, mastery, submis- on, curiosity, sex, life preserva- on, love of children, and many hers. A famous psychologist has marked, "Man has more instincts an any other form of life." The cial propensity is one of them. It weak in some people and stronger others—just as many other urges e.

Instincts sometimes clash with one nother. The fighting urge may seri- sly conflict with the social ten- dency or the acquisitive (collecting) urge may interfere with the tendency of tenderness. Any number of conflicts are possible. If we want to make the best of the social urge we need to beware lest other and cruder instincts thwart progress in social refinement.

Learning From Others

We tend to turn away from some of the characteristics of other people. Some of them are repulsive, inappropriate, or even immoral. They are unattractive, and we may wonder why people don't rid themselves of such traits. But it isn't so easy for one to discover his own faults as to see those of others.

On the other hand, we are likely to absorb or imitate the characteristics which we approve. Fortunately, this group is generally made up of ways of behavior and emotional expression which are in line with Christian ideals. The first law of learning—that of readiness—helps us at this point. We are usually in a state of readiness to act and to learn on the prompting of an example that pleases us — that we approve.

We, therefore, usually avoid impoliteness, crude ways, rough language, dishonesty, untruth, and general disregard for persons. We welcome, and are likely to acquire, politeness, courtesy, generosity, regard

for persons, Christian ideals, and efficiency. This is the general pattern, though I have mentioned only a few items.

Goals

There are many things which we can learn from social life, and we ought to be discriminating about our learning, as well as about what we reject. We may well welcome the company of refined, mature, Christian persons, but we have to recognize that no human can provide us with a perfect example.

From others we may also acquire much that has to do with being good companions, desirable associates. In a similar way we may learn much about being Christian parents and worthy citizens. And, it may be added, from life in a congregation we acquire many of the marks of good churchmanship.

The ultimate goal is the perfection of Christ. We may advance toward that objective by associating with Christ-like people, but most of all by cherishing his presence and fellowship.

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Brotherhood in Action

Our Successors

(This article was prepared by Rev. Phares G. Beer, D.D., Allentown, Pa., member of the executive committee of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood)

How frequently should we change officers in the Brotherhood? Most Brotherhoods have limited tenure of office of from two to five years. A few Brotherhoods have unlimited tenure. A limited tenure is usually preferable because it gives an opportunity for new officers with new enthusiasm and plans. It is the duty of every leader to prepare his successors. He will prepare a vice president for the presidency, an assistant secretary for secretary, a financial secretary for treasurer and others for other offices. This is a test of genuine leadership. No officer should consider himself indispensible nor endeavor to select his own successor. The Brotherhood officer will be ready to respect the judgment of others in the choice of a successor. He should prepare for the day when some one else will take his place.

Annually a Brotherhood should have a nominating committee consisting of two or three lay members and the pastor. The pastor should be a member of this committee so as to see that the Brotherhood officers are rightly distributed in the parish and that too many responsibilities are not placed upon any one individual. He alone knows all the plans the church council, the Sunday school and other auxiliaries have and must defend any individual from

being overloaded with responsbilities.

It demands the humility of true greatness to yield to another. Humility is not a popular or favorite virtue of our age. True humility is a fundamental Christian virtue. It discovers potential leadership in other members and cultivates it. To rejoice in the success of another or a rival is true Christianity. Christians will see the good qualities of others and acknowledge superiority wherever it is found. A small man becomes bitter when he must give place to another.

True humility places the cause above a career. The spirit of true devotion to a cause marks the sign of a true leader.

The more we succeed in any venture the greater the temptation to believe that we are indispensible. The result is the unwillingness to share responsibility. When a president appoints committees and then usurps their powers and does their work, he will never develop successors. The wise president will see that his committees and officers function but at the same time he will believe that others are capable of leadership. Wise is the leader who is eager to see the nomination of a capable successor.

When the leadership of the Brotherhood will make the cause of Christ first, when careers are given secondary considerations, when true humility will lead to the training of successors and when leaders will open their ranks for a constant inflow of new workers, then will the progress of a year be conserved and make the beginning of another successful year's work.

BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW!

Each pastor and Brotherhood officer will recognize the fundamental need of preparing our boys to accept their responsibilities as Christian citizens in the nation and church of tomorrow. Plan now for your 45th anniversary observance of

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 6, 1955

The February issue of *Lutheran Men* will bring you complete details and a suggested program for Boy Scout Sunday.

Message from Headquarters

by EARLE W. BADER

Brotherhood Loyalty Months

The 1955 goals challenge our members to engage in significant spiritual tasks

January and February have again been designated as *Brotherhood Loyalty Months.* This is the time set apart each year for a special effort to extend the influence of the Brotherhood by the establishment of new congregational units in the churches which do not enjoy the blessing of organized men's work.

Brotherhood Loyalty Months are also the time to arrange your program and select the speakers, and assign the *Lutheran Men* topics for the ensuing year.

Church Attendance Crusade

Brotherhood loyalty months provide an unequalled opportunity to engage in an intensive promotion of the Ten Objectives in the local congregation. The first three objectives, better known as spiritual objectives, are especially emphasized during this period, which immediately precedes the Lenten season. This will be an opportune time to promote the Brotherhood "King's Men" church attendance crusade in your congregations. An increasing number of congregations are assigning to their Brotherhoods the task of conducting a pre-Lenten visitation to bring in the unchurched and win back the lapsed members.

Our Goals

Evangelism will be our Brotherhood church-wide emphasis for the ensuing year. Our members can very well include the family altar and the reclaiming of lapsed members in their emphasis on the Bible in the home. To this end I would suggest the following spiritual goals:

1. Witness for Christ — Then live a Christian life.

2. Win Others — Then train them to become evangelists.

3. Bring Back the Lapsed Members — Then give them something important to accomplish in the church.

4. Read Your Bible Regularly — Then pray without ceasing.

5. Put God First — Then practice stewardship by giving of your means to carry out his work.

Please re-read the open letter from President Fuss in the December, 1954, issue of *Lutheran Men.* This message will present the challenging goal which we must strive to accomplish for our Lord and his church.

Brotherhood Handbook

Order a copy of the new Brotherhood *Handbook* for each of your of

ficers. This *Handbook* will assist you in planning your monthly meetings and topic programs. Be sure to read the chapter on Efficiency Standards.

With careful planning and persistent effort, you can promote a year-round efficiency program of activity and service for your congregational Brotherhood.

1955 Dues Statements

This is a friendly reminder that the statements for your 1955 membership dues were mailed to all of our congregational Brotherhoods at an earlier date than heretofore. Your Brotherhood has undoubtedly remitted its payment by this time, for which we extend our thanks. If your Brotherhood has overlooked this matter, we urge you to act now.

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News

Brotherhood Leaders at Pittsburgh

Left to right: Mr. Russell H. Barley, president of the Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood; ULCA Brotherhood President Merwyn C. Fuss; Mr. Julian R. V. Johnson, president of the Central Conference Brotherhood and host of the convention, and the Rev. Lester M. Utz, clerical member of the Executive Committee of the ULCA Brotherhood.

Pittsburgh Synod's Central Conference Takes On New Life, Aggressive Program

About 135 enthusiastic Brotherhood members gathered in First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., to take part in the first convention held by the conference for a period of two years.

The business session opened at 2:30 p. m. with devotions in charge of the Rev. Robert Armstrong, chaplain of the Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood. The business was in charge of President Julian R. V. Johnson.

The group adopted the ULCA Brotherhood's program of increased membership; a program to revive the lapsed members; a positive commit-

ment to have a spring convention and authorization to include workshops in that convention, dealing with problems of organizing new Brotherhoods and the evangelism-stewardship program of the Brotherhood.

Brief addresses were made by Mr. Russell H. Barley, president of the Pittsburgh Synod Brotherhood; Attorney Raymond Gehring, who spoke on behalf of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship; Mr. Carl Rossow, newly elected vice president, who told of literature and helps available from national headquarters, and the Rev. Lester M. Utz, member of the Executive Committee of the ULCA Brotherhood, who gave the premier showing of "The Story of the Atlanta Convention" in a series of 100 excellent colored slides.

The afternon session included the reception of five new congregational Brotherhoods into the Central Conference: Zion, North Side; Redeemer, Homewood; Mt. Calvary, McKees Rocks; Bethany, East End, and St. John's, Glassport.

The following new officers were elected: President Julian R. V. Johnson; Vice President Carl J. Rossow; Secretary Raymond R. Rychener; Treasurer Howard E. Moser; Trustees M. R. Bretsnyder and Oliver H. Hamilton, and Clerical Advisor John B. Kniseley, D. D.

The evening session featured an address by Mr. Merwyn C. Fuss, Taneytown, Md., president of the ULCA Brotherhood, who spoke on "Soldiers of Christ, Arise!" and presented the major phases of work the Brotherhood is trying to do in the ULCA. Mr. Fuss challenged the men to give greater support and more earnest service to the work of the church through the Brotherhood.

The evening devotions were conducted by the host pastor, the Rev. Robert Stackel, D. D. The Rev. Luther Fackler, president of the conference, conducted the service of installation for the new officers.

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Philadelphia Conference

The Philadelphia Conference Brotherhood held its fall rally on Saturday, November 13, 3:15 p.m., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of West Oak Lane.

The Rev. G. Edward Knapp, president of the Philadelphia Conference, opened the rally with devotions, concentrating on the four theme phases of the day — The Mechanics of: (1) Brotherhood Programming, (2) Evangelism — The King's Men Program, (3) Scouting as Related to the Church, (4) Stewardship—Church Financing through the Grace System.

The Rev. Frederick L. Fritsch, pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Manoa, Pa., delivered the key-note address.

Following the address by Pastor Fritsch, we had announcements and the reading of a proposed amendment to the by-laws. Action for adoption or rejection of the proposed amendment to be taken at the spring rally. Following the announcements, we had a report of the clothing drive,

Philadelphia Conference
Brotherhood Clothing Drive Brings in Almost 40,000 Pounds

by William Rittler. We were informed that 27,786 pounds of clothing had been collected, and, by the time all the churches had been revisited, that a probable total of 40,000 pounds would be collected. Mr. Rittler also told us that 12 Missouri Synod churches had called to participate. Fifty men with 12 trucks gave generously of their time to make this collection a success.

Mr. Eugene H. Kelchner, secretary of ULCA Brotherhood, of New Jersey, was present and extended his felicitations on behalf of the ULCA Brotherhood and urged the Philadelphia Conference Brotherhood to fulfill the resolutions of the objectives of ULCA Brotherhood Convention at Atlanta to double the membership of the Brotherhood, and to support the King's Men program.

This year the Philadelphia Conference Brotherhood decided to try something new for a fall rally, planned for Saturday afternoon. A series of study groups touching on four of the phases of Brotherhood work. These study groups ran simultaneously for a period of an hour after which the groups reassembled. A five-minute oral report of each group was made so each man attending could take home with him the highlights of the separate groups. The study group hour had been broken into segments—15 minutes for a pastoral speaker and two or three lay speakers of five minutes each. Then followed a general discussion period. Each group had a moderator to keep the discussion within the scope of the topic.

The following pastors participated in the study groups:

(1) Mechanics of the Brotherhood Program: The Rev. Robert E. Neumeyer, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Wilmington.

(2) Mechanics of Evangelism—

The King's Men Program: The Rev. James A. Graefe, Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

(3) Mechanics of Scouting as Related to the Church: The Rev. Matthew J. Kerestes, Pastor of St. Simeon's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia.

(4) Mechanics of Stewardship—Church Financing through the Grace System: The Rev. Samuel E. Kidd, Secretary of stewardship, Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Following the reassembly, we all retired to the dining hall, where a home-style roast beef supper was held. The dinner was prepared and served by the men and women of St. Peter's. Thanks fellows and ladies—"It was wonderful!" We had a song-fest while the dishes were being collected, and with William Snell, president, Philadelphia Conference Brotherhood, as toastmaster. we were introduced to the main speaker: The Rev. William O. Moyer, of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia. His selection of the topic, "Now is the Hour," was timely and to the point.

During the dinner, each man filled out a survey card and the results indicated that the majority approved the Saturday meeting and also that there was not enough time allowed for the study groups.

We believe the attendance and participation of the men can be traced directly to the work of the Executive Committee and the ten district representatives who had from time to time contacted all of the churches of the Philadelphia Conference by person, phone, or mail, giving an urgent invitation to attend. We feel we had a good representation in having 28 churches represented—a total of 151 men. We are very happy to learn that the following men's groups have voted to join with us—and we extend to them a hearty welcome:

St. Paul's, Glenside

St. Timothy's, Philadelphia.

We realize that Saturdays are busy days for the pastors, so special thanks for your co-operation and participation, for a job well done. To the men who attended the rally instead of the football games or erecting the storm sash—orchids!

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West Virginia

The 24th annual convention of the West Virginia Synod Brotherhood was held on Oct. 23-24 at the state Four-H Camp, Jackson Mill, W. Va.

The theme of the convention was "Men With a Mission." Dr. Francis E. Reinberger of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., was the speaker.

The following officers were elected for 1955: President Helmar Anderson, Fairmont; Vice President Fred Hegmann, Alum Creek; Secretary Fred P. Becker, Fairmont; Treasurer Robert E. Troy, Huntington. Elected to the Executive Committee for a term of three years, Paull E. Spring, Wheeling.

—Paull E. Spring

King's Men Church Attendance Crusade in Pottsville, Pa.

Trinity Lutheran Church launched the crusade on November 8. The Rev. E. W. Weber, D. D. (third from left) pastor emeritus, welcomes the Rev. Charles F. Brobst, D. D., of Telford, Pa. the principal speaker, as other lay leaders join in the greeting. From the left are Eugene Koch president of the Men of Trinity; William Keller, master of ceremonies; Postors Weber and Brobst the Rev. Sterling F. Bashore, acting pastor and co-chairman; Roy E. Brownmiller, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and Guy T. Haag, co-chairman.

King's Men In Pottsville, Pa.

More than a hundred men attended the King's Men dinner in Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, Pa., on Nov. 8, to launch a Church Attendance Crusade, sponsored by the Men of Trinity, Eugene Koch, president.

The Rev. Charles F. Brobst, D. D., pastor of the Telford Lutheran Parish and writer of *Lutheran Men's* "Brotherhood in Action" page, was the guest speaker and also the planner of the crusade. He declared that "we go to church to receive God's unmerited blessings of forgiveness, love, joy, faith, hope, peace and strength." Dr. Brobst went on to say that "we are our brother's keeper, spiritually as well as physically." "When people slip away it is our duty to bring them back. When we do our duty, God is happy and we are happy, too."

The Rev. Sterling F. Bashore, acting pastor, urged the men to keep in mind the three-fold objective of the crusade—increase in attendance at services, enlistment of men for work in the church, and the securing of information that will be valuable to the pastor.

South Carolina Synod

The 12th annual convention of the South Carolina Synod was held in Columbia, S. C., on November 17 in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension. Dr. Fred W. Kinard, Charleston, was elected president. Doctor Kinard succeeds W. Archie Dodgen, Graniteville, who served as president for the past two years. Other officers include C. C. Howell, Jr., Greenville, first vice president; Cecil Bowers, Columbia, second vice president; Philip T. Kelly, Jr., Newberry, secretary; Otho Shealy, Leesville, treasurer; Charles E. Koon, Columbia, promotional secretary, and the Rev. D. F. Swicegood, pastor of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, West Columbia, pastoral advisor.

Several hundred delegates present at the banquet heard an address by Rev. Frank K. Efird, pastor of St. John's at Salisbury. In his talk he emphasized the convention theme of "Living Witnesses."

Outstanding activities of the convention included prayer and praise offered in recognition of the accomplished goal of the Loan and Gift Fund. Adoption of the president's report automatically gave approval to the recommendation that the South Carolina Brotherhood re-affirm its adoption of the ULCA Brotherhood objectives.

The convention agreed to continue the Loan and Gift Fund, with emphasis on the latter, and to set yearly goals, the gifts to be designated to the mission points by the Brotherhood after consultation with the Home Mission Board.

The convention began with devotions by the Rev. Harold F. Park, pastoral advisor of the Central Conference, followed by reports of officers.

The following new Brotherhoods were added to the rolls during the past year: Christ (Denny Terrace), Columbia; Transfiguration, Cayce; Nativity, Spartanburg; St. Matthews, Lexington; Mt. Hebron, Leesville; St. Paul's, Aiken; Faith, John's Island. The president's report disclosed that our membership consisted of 1,190 in 47 Brotherhoods.

Greetings were brought by Dr. Karl W. Kinard, president of the South Carolina Synod. The Rev. J. Shelton Moose, synodical field worker, give the closing prayer and benediction which ended the convention and banquet.

—Charles E. Koon

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Canada Brotherhood Convention

The chimes of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sebastopol, Canada, which were dedicated recently, were sounded through the loud speakers in the belfry to welcome 75 delegates and visitors to the 27th annual convention of the Canada Synod Brotherhood on Oct. 24.

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" was the theme of the convention, which was opened with devotions by the Rev. O. T. C. Stockmann, pastor of Trinity. Words of welcome to the convention were spoken by Elton Wilker, president of the local Brotherhood, and by Roy Hilker, synodi-

cal Brotherhood president. Gordon Kipfer, one of the eight delegates who attended the ULCA Brotherhood convention in Atlanta, reported on the highlights of that meeting.

These recommendations of the Executive Committee were approved by the Canada group:

1. All Brotherhoods adopt the King's Men program.

2. The Brotherhood rally and picnic be held at Edgewood Lutheran Camp in June, 1955.

3. A continued effort be made to establish Brotherhoods in congregations where there are none.

4. Make Edgewood Camp and the newly purchased adjoining property the main project for 1955.

5. A Men's Camp Conference be held in early spring of 1955.

6. As the ULCA Brotherhood has accepted the invitation of the Canada Synod Brotherhood to hold the 20th biennial convention in Kitchener in 1956, every Brotherhood member give his full support to the convention.

7. The synodical Brotherhood give its all-out effort to the $100,000 Home Mission Fund appeal.

Among the recommendations presented by the resolutions committee were these: That we ask the assistance of the president of the Canada Synod and his assistant in the promotion of the Brotherhood program; that we review the constitution and bring it in line with the recommended constitution of the ULCA Brotherhood; that copies of the Brotherhood *Handbook* be made available through our Lutheran Church Supply Store; that we strive to reach our 100 per cent increase in membership during the coming year.

The Rev. Norman Berner of Kitchener was in charge of the evening service at which the Rev. F. L. Jensen, pastor of St. Mark's, Kitchener, spoke. Pastor Jensen said: "The church needs the dedication of every layman to act as a building block with Christ as the keystone. The greatest danger of the church is that it will become dull. We must keep alive through our convictions."

The officers for 1955 are: President Roy Hilker, Kitchener; Vice President Ray Kundinger, Secretary Howard Herter, Treasurer Gordon Kipfer, and E. A. Kalbfleisch and Elton Wilker, members of the executive committee. with Pastors Franklin L. Jensen and Henry Nuhn as pastoral members.

—Samuel Weicker

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New York Synod— 350 Affiliated Brotherhoods?

The New York and New England Synod Brotherhood has a grand ideal—to secure an affiliated Brotherhood from every congregation in the synod.

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A well-formulated plan of action

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Editor's Page

Youth and Fallen Humanity

Time magazine last month reported on a speech made by Psychologist Robert Lindner, of Baltimore, in which he diagnosed what is wrong with youth and adults today.

The rebellion of youth is no new hostile muiiny." Youth today tends is "no longer in rebellion, but in a condition of downright active and hostile mutiny." Youth today tends "to act out, to display his inner turmoil," rather than suffer his adolescence storms in silence, as did the characters of Goethe, Tolstoy, Dickens and Twain. Youth no longer registers his protest within the limits of the social order.

The second thing wrong with youth is this: He has "abandoned solitude in favor of pack-running, of predatory assembly, of great collectivities that bury, if they do not destroy, individuality." There is no gain in this, for "it is in solitude that the works of hand, heart and mind are always conceived." "In the crowd, herd or gang, it is a mass mind that operates—a mind without subtelty, without compassion, uncivilized."

Dr. Lindner does not blame youth alone. Youth has merely succumbed to something that has already happened to whole peoples and nations. Man has already lost his individuality in mass political movements, social and industrial giants, wars, and economic upheavals. "From loss of identity has co insecurity, and this has bred t soul-destroying plague we know mass psychopathy." Adults have br into youth their own fears and in curities, their own mistakes a misconceptions — notably the m conception that salvation lies in co formity and adjustment.

The person who is lost in the ma of mankind has little stability a conviction within. He looks out the world for solutions to his pro lems. He flits from one psycho gist to another, from one church another; he reads this book or co sults that authority on child-rearin he watches what the neighbors a doing, and then imitates; he is afra to be different.

Dare a person be different, be individual? Or would that be a si of lack of adjustment, uniformit co-operation?

Of course, a few "marginal diffe ences" are tolerated. There are slig differences in the new cars comi out in 1955, but on the whole all ca are much alike — even to V8 motor So it is with people.

Children are taught to co-opera in school. Co-operate at what? At c operating. The skills of intelle are underplayed and the skills gregariousness are overplayed. anybody supposed to think for hi self? No, that might be a sign

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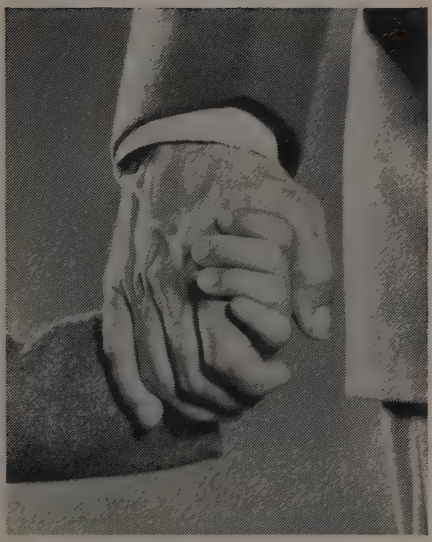

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The Congregation and The Home

by LEMAN V. OLSENIUS

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Topic Aims

1. To lead to a realization that the home and the congregation must be partners in the Christian nurture of young and old.

2. To discover ways in which the home can help and supplement the work of the congregation and its schools.

3. To discover ways in which the congregation and its schools can help the home be a real school for Christian living.

4. To determine what members of the Brotherhood can do to help both the home and the congregation fulfill its God-given functions.

(The plan adopted for this meeting should be followed. Cf. "Take Your Choice.")

The home is the primary agency through which the Christian religion is taught. It is a teaching agency in its own right, not a mere adjunct to the church schools that is to help the church schools attain their objectives.

The home is the real battleground for the moral life of our nation. The future of our country depends upon what happens in its homes. If the family life decays, the nation will decay. John Ruskin put it this way: "The history of a nation is not a history of its wars, but the history of its households."

There is no satisfactory substi-

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Scripture: Deuteronomy-4:5-10
Prayer
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Topic
Hymn: "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go" —No. 348 C. S. B., or No. 275 P. S. H.
Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Business
Fellowship and Refreshments

te for parents, and no organization institution can replace the home. e influence exerted upon the child the home goes deeper and lasts nger than any other influence.

The Family Today

There are many who declare that t all is well with the modern home that the home has suffered a grad- l disintegration. Easy divorce and dustrialization of life, with women rking in factories and on assembly es, have made home life chaotic. d children are the chief victims.

One of the important tasks of the urch is to strengthen the Christian me. Homes which have not attain- a Christian character must be lped to come under the influence of e Gospel. Those which are seeking express their Christian conviction daily life must be helped to actice Christian nurture more ef- ctively.

Church and Home a Unit

The church and home must be rtners. Christian education, for all es, can attain its goal most readily hen these two powerful institutions ork together. If they fail to pull in e same direction, everyone is und to suffer.

The home is the fundamental hool of Christian living. The urch cannot do its best work unless rents co-operate. The church can spire and help families, but the mily itself must do a large part of e work of God's kingdom on earth. he church has only a very limited nount of time for its program of hristian education. But even if additional time could be found by the church the home would still be important. Precepts learned in the church school must be practiced in the home. The example of parents and the spiritual tone of the home make indelible impressions upon youthful minds and lives.

One of the great challenges for the church of our day is to find more effective ways by which the home can be made a channel for conducting the power of the Christian religion into the lives of all its members.

The Church Can Help the Home

The church should help the home fulfill its responsibility of teaching the Christian religion. This means that the church must help the home find suitable materials for family worship, good Bible storybooks and other suitable books, helps for the effective use of the Catechism, and guidance materials on such subjects as the family budget, family adjustment, preparation for parenthood, and sex education. The church should also provide parents with the guidance they need, that they may take their rightful place within the framework of the church's total teaching program, helping the church's educational program attain its goals as it works through Sunday school, weekday church school, catechetical class, or other agencies.

The church should also provide good programs of fellowship, recreation, and service. Youth and adults alike need social occasions which the home cannot offer. The church

should further foster classes and discussion groups for parents, encourage the observance of Christian Family Week and the Festival of the Christian Home. Family - at - home nights, parent-child occasions, the family council — these and similar efforts should be encouraged or even sponsored by the church because they help the home to be a real school for Christian living.

The church should maintain a friendly interest in families, and express this interest in many ways. The family pew should be fostered, the family altar inaugurated, parents encouraged to bring their children to church, and parent- teacher- leader meetings sponsored.

The church can help its families through the nursery roll of the church school, through recognition of births, and through visits in time of illness, stress, loss, death, or other crises. It ought to give special attention to underprivileged families and try to meet special needs. The church must redouble its efforts to help parents fulfill the vows they take as they stand before the baptismal font with the child that God has given them.

Christian Homes Strengthen the Church

Homes owe the church a ready response and full co-operation. Apathetic, unfriendly homes will nullify the best program the church can provide. The attitude of children toward the church and its work is determined largely by the home. Parents are the key to the problem.

The Christian duties of parer include the following responsibi ties:

1. They should bring their ch dren to church for baptism.

2. They should provide for the u and study of Scripture.

3. They should conduct fami worship.

4. They should guide their ch dren in learning the Catechism.

5. They should bring their ch dren to church services.

6. They should encourage co firmation.

7. They should counsel and guic their children.

8. They should co-operate hearti with the church schools and the activities.

The most vital Christian influenc the home exerts is often its indire influence. It comes through suc things as creating an intimate Chri tian fellowship within the famil providing a Christian atmospher interpreting all of life's experience in a Christian way, cultivating th spirit and practice of Christia stewardship. It is probably such ir direct teaching that makes the hom a real school for Christian living.

Helping the church means muc more than giving money. Every ex pression of loyalty, whether carry ing out baptismal vows or encour aging newly confirmed boys an girls, works in favor of buildin Christian faith and life.

The Family Altar

Some time ago a speaker declare that 90% of the church people d

not have family devotions. As the chapels in the kitchen or living room decrease, the juvenile delinquency figure rises. The 1953 World Almanac states that one out of every five marriages in America is ending in the divorce court. Statistics, however, show that very few Christian couples seek divorce. It makes a difference when God is in the home.

The family altar may be at the kitchen table after breakfast, when the day is fresh, or it may be in the living room after the evening meal. The important thing is to set a time when all members of the family can participate. The pattern of family devotions may have many variations. Members of the family may take turns in reading the Scripture, or may read Scripture in unison, each from his own Bible. When there are small children in the family the Bible verses learned in Sunday school may be repeated. The singing of favorite hymns adds much to a simple home service. Prayers may be read from devotional guides, or prayers that have been memorized may be prayed in unison. A simple prayer, offered by a member of the family in his own words, is always a thrilling and enriching experience.

Inseparable

The home and the church are so inseparably connected to each other that the welfare of the one is bound to affect the welfare of the other. Members of the Brotherhood should therefore do all within their power to help each of these institutions fulfill its God-given functions.

For Study and Discussion

1. What indications do we have that Christian home life has improved or declined in our community?

2. Why is the home indispensable in a program of Christian education?

3. What is our congregation doing to help its homes to be real schools for Christian living? What more could our congregation do?

4. What forces are working against the Christian home in our community? Has T.V. strengthened our home life? Are the comic books which children read a good or bad influence? Do the movies which members of the family see help to build Christian family life or do they undermine Christian living?

5. What can the home do to undergird the work of the church?

6. How can family worship be encouraged?

Suggestions for Action

1. With the co-operation of the pastor, arrange for a demonstration of family worship. The demonstration may be given at a church service, at a Brotherhood meeting to which all members of the congregation are invited, or teams of members may visit the homes of the congregation and give the demonstration there.

2. Sponsor a meeting to which all members of the congregation will be invited and show one or more good films dealing with family life. End the evening with a fine period of recreation and fellowship in which all age groups can participate.

3. Sponsor the regular distribu-

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tion of the devotional booklets published by your church.

4. Organize a Family - at - Home - Night. Plans must be made weeks in advance in order that families may be able to reserve the evening for family fellowship at home. Carefully outline the program that is to be conducted in each home, highlighting it with a worship service suited to the occasion.

5. Sponsor conferences on family life to discuss such matters as ways in which we can strengthen our homes and our churches, how we can fight indecent literature on the newsstands, how to oppose indecent programs on T.V., etc.

6. Establish study classes for parents in connection with Sunday school or on weekday evenings at which such books will be studied as *Girding Youth for Abundant Living*, by Bracher, or *Christian Family Living*, by Rudisill.

7. Establish or help to improve regular parent-teacher meetings to discuss practical ways in which home and church may be partners in building Christian life.

Everyone Has Part

Assignments for the March (Third) Meetin

Many persons or committees should ta part in next month's Brotherhood meetin when the topic will be "The Congregation a Parish Education." It is therefore importa that assignments be made early and th plans be carried out carefully. An interesti and helpful meeting should result if the follo ing plan is used:

1. Ask a member of the Parish Educati Committee or a church councilman to expla what is meant by "parish education." The fir part of Dr. Vogeley's topic material will pr vide helpful information.

2. Ask the Sunday-school superintendent some other qualified leader to speak about t Sunday school. He may tell about the numb of people enrolled, the lesson material that used, who selects the lesson material, wh new classes should be organized, and wh special problems and needs confront t school. Samples of lesson materials might be display. Stress might also be put upon the nee for more men to serve as teachers, and a mo intensive program of leadership education.

3. Ask a qualified leader to describe t vacation church school and to display literature.

4. Make a similar assignment to a leader the weekday church school, or if the co gregation is not sponsoring a weekday churc school ask someone to be prepared to stre the importance of this work.

5. Ask the pastor to speak briefly abo the program of catechetical instruction, i cluding the instruction of adults.

6. Have one person serve as the represen ative of all the organizations and auxiliari —Luther League, Missionary Society, Brothe hood,—describing the educational features their work.

7. Ask someone to be prepared to descri the special studies which are available f adults. The American Lutheran Church, Th Augustana Lutheran Church, and The Unite Lutheran Church have been co-operating produce the **Faith and Action Series**—speci studies for adults that are suitable for use Sunday school or in weekday groups. Get fre copies of the bulletin describing these course from The United Lutheran Publication Hous 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa. possible, have some of the books on display.

8. If time permits, arrange to project som of the pictures suggested in the topic unde the heading "Suggestions for Action." Bette still, show them at an extra meeting of th Brotherhood to which all leaders of th congregation are invited. The pictures sug gested are definitely of superior quality.

9. Appoint several people to be prepared

ke the lead in discussing the items which ppear in the topic under the headings, "For udy and Discussion" and "Suggestions for ction."

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ck of adjustment and co-operation. person may think for himself as ng as the result is what the crowd lerates. If it is not, the individual getting too "big," and he must e "cut down to size." A person's erformance is no longer good or ad; it is "sincere." There are no perior or inferior individuals. In ct, there are no individuals. They re on the march to mass mankind. When Christianity speaks about ass mankind, it knows only a fallen manity. There is something deep- wrong with people, and the im- ications are terrifying.

Christ came to save us from all is. A value has been placed upon ch individual. Each lost soul is stined to be saved from nothing- ss. "What do ye more than hers?" asked Jesus. "Unless your ghteousness exceeds that of the ribes and Pharisees, you will never ter the kingdom of heaven." Each rson is called to be a child of God, t a nameless nonentity.

Christianity calls upon people to in a state of rebellion — yes, in- ed — but a new kind of mutiny. . Paul wrote: "Do not be con- rmed to this world, but be trans- rmed . . ." When will we really arn that we cannot be saved by bmerging ourselves in mass man- nd, which already is fallen hu- anity?

—Joseph B. Mohr

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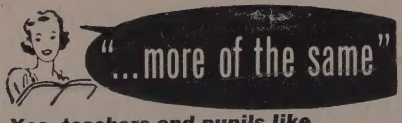
has been prepared and is now being put into operation through the synodical Brotherhood committee on stewardship. The field covers the entire length and breadth of the territory of the synod.

The organization structure consists of the synodical director of stewardship, seven conference directors of stewardship (one in each conference), 14 assistants (two in each conference), supported by seven members of the synodical executive committee (one from each conference), and seven presidents from the seven conference Brotherhoods, a total of 36.

Each conference committee will have the responsibility of securing a 100 percent affiliation for its conference.

A master plan of action in minute detail has been worked out for the guidance of all participants.

The key to the success of this enterprise is to be found in the regularity of periodic visitation to the local Brotherhoods by the personnel



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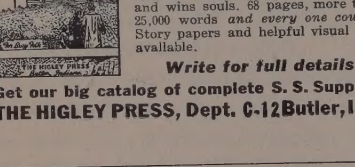

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As progress according to the plan is being made, the results will be reported here from time to time.

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Illinois Synod

The Brotherhood of the Illinois Synod held its 36th annual convention in Mr. Moriah Lutheran Church Anna, Ill., the Rev. Hugh Paton pastor, on Oct. 23-24. The theme of the convention was "Using God's gift of time, talents, and treasures in Christian service as His servant on earth." Business sessions were in charge of President E. A. Cud Anderson. Speaker at the banquet was Judge Lawrence Speckman, Louisville, Ky., past president of the ULCA Brotherhood and the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods.

Check Received

E. C. Edwards, secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of First Lutheran Church, San Diego, California, wrote this letter (October 18) to Executive Secretary Earle W. Bader: "Enclosed find check for $19.50, which was the anniversary offering for

our two services yesterday. Your program was presented at both services and went off very well. We had a lot of favorable comments from the members, but the final results will show up at the next few Brotherhood meetings."

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Eastern Conference, N. Y.

The Eastern Conference Brotherhood of the New York and New England Synod held its first retreat at Camp Pinnacle in the Helderberg Mountains on Sept. 25. The attendance was excellent for a beginning. Round-table discussions were held on evangelism, scouting, conference camp project, and Brotherhood administration.

The speaker at the vesper service was the Hon. William H. Stackel.

The purchase of a camp site and its development for religious, educational and recreational purposes was discussed at great length, with the result that the camp project idea was very favorably received.

—George J. Haag

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Two New New York Conferences

The synodical Brotherhood of the New York and New England Synod received into its membership the Rochester Conference Brotherhood and the Western Conference Brotherhood. These are two new conference Brotherhoods that have been formed as the result of dividing the former Western Conference of the synod.

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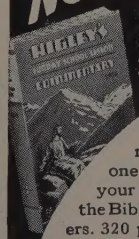

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